

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Hartle, K.

Application No. : 10/551,711

Filing Date : October 3, 2005

Title : FLUID DISTURBANCE DAMPING IN FLUID
DRIVEN ACTUATION DEVICES

Examiner : Williams, M.

Art Unit : 3611

Confirmation No. : 6193

AMENDMENT

M.S. Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

Applicant has filed concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") in connection with the above-referenced application ("subject application"). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, if the prosecution of the subject application is closed, Applicant may request continued examination of an application by filing a submission and paying the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) prior to the abandonment of the subject application. Since an amendment is an acceptable submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c), this RCE is permissible. This Amendment addresses the issues raised in the final Office Action dated March 17, 2008 and includes the following:

- (1) **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.
- (2) **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

The three-month statutory response period expired on June 17, 2008. Accordingly, Applicant submits herewith a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time to extend the response period to July 17, 2008. Therefore, this RCE and Amendment is timely filed.